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Dear Chairman:

As Program Coordinator for Southwest SIDS Research Institute, I am writing to you today in an effort to inform you about my views on "MUST CARRY" that is before the FCC.

An equitable "MUST CARRY" is vital in order to protect the viewer's constitutional right to free broadcast programming and information offered by all local stations. A "MUST CARRY" must make it possible for all local stations to be carried on local cable systems. A minimum viewing standard or any other exclusionary facets will only serve to undermine the objective of "MUST CARRY". Excluding any licensed broadcast station as part of "MUST CARRY" is **NOT** in the Public Interest.

It is crucial that viewers be allowed their constitutional right to free programming and free information offered by KHSH TV 67. Viewers should be allowed to receive **ALL** the **FREE** stations when they subscribe to a cable company.

KHSH TV 67 produces a program on issues concerning the community. The program "In Your Interest", I believe, is an important component to the offering of information to the people of Alvin and the Houston Metropolitan area. It is vital to all viewers to have access to the 13 hours of public information that is provided by KHSH TV 67. We have been invited guests on Channel 67's issue responsive program "In Your Interest" to discuss the topic of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, a matter of concern to **ALL** parents. In it's unique format, "In Your Interest" affords a wider segment of the viewing audience the opportunity to gain the important information that we discussed and is presented differently from the traditional public affairs formats.

I urge you to reject any proposal which would bar **ANY** local television stations from being carried on local cable systems. As a licensed television station, KHSH TV 67 is dedicated to serving the public. Any artificial constraint on their ability would harm the community KHSH is licensed to serve.

I strongly urge you to keep KHSH TV 67 accessible to all viewers. If further information is needed, please feel free to call 1-800-245-SIDS.

Sincerely,  
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CC: Jodie Tribble, VP Station Manager, KHSH TV 67

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